

MEETING OF WENATCHEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ELECTORAL PROCESS

November 2, 2015

WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

129 S. Chelan Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM

Chair Jean Speidel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present were: Alma Chacon, Rufus Woods, Oralia Banuelos, Carolyn Case, Susan Albert, and Joe Morrison. Absent: Karen Rutherford, Mario Cantu, Gustavo Montoya, and Mark Urdahl. City staff present: Executive Services Director Allison Williams, Community & Economic Development Director Steve King, and City Clerk Tammy Stanger.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 minutes)

Karen Keleman, Co-Chair of the NCW Immigration Reform Roundtable and member of CAFÉ was present and stated she was eager to observe the progress of the committee. She also shared information about an upcoming event in January with One America Political Director Eric Gonzales.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 2015, MEETING (5 minutes)

Motion to approve by Susan Albert. Carolyn Case seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

IV. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN (45 minutes)

A draft engagement plan was provided to the group. The committee discussed using a different approach in presenting information to the Latino community for the public meetings. After much discussion it was the consensus that Alma Chacon and Oralia Banuelos will take the lead in organizing an event targeted to a Latino audience.

While they would like to see better engagement efforts to increase participation, the scope of work for the committee is to make a recommendation on whether or not to create districts, and if so, how to legally do that.

Two community meetings will be planned to focus on the Latino audience, with two other public meetings being set, one being Friday, November 6 at the Senior Center, and the other yet undecided.

V. FORENSIC DATA ANALYSIS PROPOSALS (15 minutes)

Executive Services Director Allison Williams led a discussion on the recent phone interviews she and Community & Economic Development Director Steve King, and committee member Joe Morrison had with potential forensic data experts. It was the consensus of the group to move forward with Bill Cooper for the work. They expect to have a report back from Mr. Cooper by the next meeting scheduled for November 16.

Motion by Susan Albert to enter into a contract with Bill Cooper for the forensic data analysis. Seconded by Carolyn Case. Motion carried (6-0).

VI. ASSESSMENT OF STATUS (info needed, pros, cons) (15 minutes)

Susan Albert will meet with the Wenatchee Valley College student government group next Tuesday, November 10 and see if they can work on a presentation to the student group. Jean Speidel has emailed a contact who works for Seattle to get information about their districting process. Allison Williams shared information she has gathered from other communities on the pros and cons of districting. Jean Speidel asked the committee to send Allison Williams a list of local leaders (and organizations) that they would personally invite to the public information meetings. That list will be shared at the November 16 meeting.

VII. NEXT STEPS (5 minutes)

- Assignments
- Next meetings – Public Engagement: November 6, 12:30 p.m., Senior Center
Committee: November 16

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Jean Speidel adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF WENATCHEE
Tammy Stanger, City Clerk